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Applicants : David B. Christianson et al.
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Feb 12, 2001
Date

Denise L. Draper
Name of Person Signing

DENISE DRAPER
Title of Person Signing:

Enclosure:
Copy of Assignment

CHIEF SOFTWARE ARCHITECT

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, David B. Christianson, Denise L. Draper, and Konstantin L. Kommissarchik ("ASSIGNORS"), having post office addresses of 5847 NE 75th Street, #224, Seattle, Washington 98115; 3130 Portage Bay Pl. E., Slip D, Seattle, Washington 98102; and 22428 32nd Avenue W., Brier, Washington 98036 respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER," as described and claimed in the specification for which a continuation-in-part application for United States letters patent was filed on August 1, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/921,010; this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/517,131, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER," filed on March 2, 2000; International Application No. PCT/US01/06755, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA IN A STRUCTURED MANNER" filed on March 2, 2001; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/517,468 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING INFORMATION PAGES USING SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA STORED IN A STRUCTURED MANNER" filed on March 2, 2000; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/718,228 entitled "TECHNIQUES FOR ENCAPSULATING A QUERY DEFINITION" filed November 21, 2000; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,446 entitled "NESTED CONDITIONAL RELATIONS (NCR) MODEL AND ALGEBRA" filed August 1, 2001.

WHEREAS, Nimble Technology, Inc. ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 1938 Fairview Avenue East, Suite 100, Seattle, Washington 98102, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention and in and to any patents that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations, or extensions thereof, any other inventions described in the application, and any and all patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be issued for the invention, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from the United States application to which foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, the invention, application and all patents on the invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer, and sale not been made.

UPON THE ABOVE-STATED CONSIDERATIONS, ASSIGNORS agree to not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with this assignment, and at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute all instruments and documents and do such additional acts as ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to perfect ASSIGNEE's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign patents on the invention, for litigation regarding the patents, or for the purpose of protecting title to the invention or patents therefor.

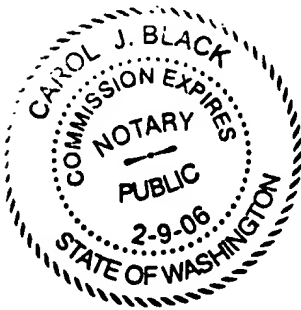
ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Patent of the United States that may be issued for the invention to ASSIGNEE.

2/12/2002
Date

David B. Christianson
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County of King) ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that David B. Christianson is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



Dated 2/12/02
Signature of Carol J. Black
Notary Public
Printed Name CAROL J. BLACK
My appointment expires 2/9/06

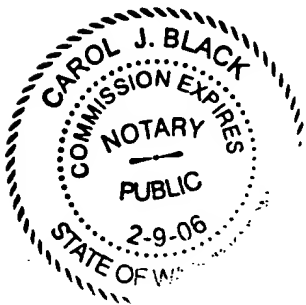
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